

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 69 are pending in the present application, of which independent claims 1, 30, 46, 47 and 59 are amended. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The Applicant's undersigned representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and consideration extended in connection with the January 19, 2010 telephonic interview. During the interview, the applied art and independent claim 1 were discussed. The Examiner agreed that the amendments to claim 1 submitted herein overcome the art of record. Similar amendments are submitted herein to independent claims 30, 46, 47 and 59. The amendments that are being submitted here are based on the agreements and assurances made by the Examiner during the interview.

The amendments should not be construed as an agreement or acquiescence with the position taken in the Office Action. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter from the unamended claims in a subsequent application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any issues remaining that the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

The Applicant's attorney may be reached by telephone at 212-801-6729. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below, which is the address associated with Customer Number 76058.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee in connection with the submission of this paper, any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or

credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1561. Please ensure that the Attorney Docket Number is referenced when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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